



The Shepherd's Messenger

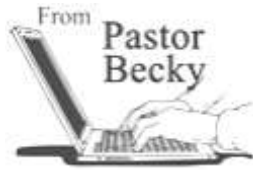


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KNOWING JESUS AS THE
 GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING
 THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.

Closed on Sunday



When I was growing up, Sunday was a day set aside for rest and reverence. Most stores and businesses were closed and most folks got together with family for Sunday lunch. There were “blue laws” which allowed only basic necessities such as food or gasoline to be purchased. Yeah, Sundays were different back then.

Nowadays, it's hard to tell Sunday from any other day of the week (other than a lot of people are off work). Every conceivable business or recreational activity is available, allowing us to purchase or do most anything on the “first day of the week”. As convenient as this is, it poses a great challenge to the disciple of Christ. Instead of Sunday worship taking priority, it would seem that “going to church” is something we do as long as there's nothing else happening. But as we continue to strive for spiritual growth, we must make the commitment to place God's service first and not just work it in when we can. Let's remember to:

- Seek First the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness (Matthew 6:33)
- Continually Offer the Sacrifice of Praise to God (Hebrews 13:15)
- Place God First then Family Second (Matthew 10:37)
- Be Steadfast in the Work of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)
- Not to Neglect Meeting with Our Church Family (Hebrews 10:25)
- Not Love the World More Than the Lord (James 4:4)
- Make Self-Sacrifices that Will Please God (Hebrews 13:16; Romans 12:1)
- Be Good Examples to Those Outside the Church (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Our World Situation
Gil's Hills Ministries

Others to keep in prayer:

Craig Buckley
Sandy Burdick
Frank Calcagno
Hazel Cornell
Randy Crane
Theo Crane
Donna Hart
Ruth Holden
Family & friends of Bob Huddleston
Katie Kellogg
Kevin Kranock
Family & friends of Mike LaFever
Ann Meehan
Sandi Meyers
Helen Middaugh
Mark Middaugh
Family & friends of Burt Minnekine
Keith Pierce
Derwood Say
JoAnn Viglietta
Clint Wilder
Doris Kellogg Wyant



Please keep our prayer list
up to date.

If someone should be added or
removed from the prayer list, please
submit their name in writing.

Thank you!



**Sunday Worship Services are
streamed live at 11:00 am
on our website,
www.cubamc.org**

Also on our Facebook Page



Videos of Services are posted on
our YouTube Channel



8 Marilyn Goodliff
17 Veronica Clayson
18 JoAnne Hupp
Derek Morris
19 Delain Pierce
20 Betty Edwards
21 Mary Ellen James
27 Fran Young
28 Jessica Holden
29 Marie Willer



26 Robbie & Rhonda Cornell



Haven Grace Torrey,
granddaughter of Rob
and Rhonda Cornell was
born on July 22, 2025.
Her parents are Katelyn
& Levi Torrey.



Bob Huddleston,
Cuba MC member, passed
away on July 14, 2025. A
funeral Service was held at
the Cuba MC on July 26.
Pastor Becky officiated.

Mike LaFever, Cuba MC
member, passed away on
July 20, 2025. A private
service was held.

Statistics

Needed: \$1,934

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
6/29	34		\$2,831.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 275.00
7/6	31	6	\$1,891.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 50.00
7/13	32		\$1,397.00
		Texas Flood Victims	\$ 100.00
7/20	28 (In the park)		\$ 855.00
7/27	21	3	\$1,580.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 115.00
8/3	38	9	\$3,663.00
		Gil's Hills	100.00
8/10	25	12	\$1,510.00
8/17	40	10	\$1,250.00
8/24	31	9	\$1,675.00

September
Helping
Hands



Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Pianist:
Holly Scoville

Altar Guild:
Sue Huddleston
Linda Murphy



Burt Minnekine,
companion of Linda
Murphy, passed away on
August 5 at Olean
General Hospital. Private
family services were held.



Our Church Picnic and Worship in Chamberlain Park was held on Sunday, July 20. Holly played the keyboard. It rained during the short service, but the sun came out by the time it was time to eat. Good food and fellowship was enjoyed by 28 people.



CREAMY POTATO STICKS

Sue Fridman
(Sue Simmons Family)

¼ cup flour
½ tsp. salt
1-½ cup milk
1 can cream of celery soup, undiluted
½ lb. American cheese, cubes
5 to 6 large baking potatoes, peeled
1 cup chopped onion
Paprika



In a saucepan, combine flour and salt. Gradually whisk in milk until smooth. Bring to a boil, cook and stir for 2 minutes. Remove from heat, whisk in soup and cheese until smooth. Set aside. Cut potatoes into 4"x½"x½" sticks. Place in greased 9x13" pan or baking dish. Sprinkle with onion. Top with cheese sauce. Bake uncovered at 350° for 55 to 60 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Sprinkle with paprika. Yield: 6 servings.

Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle. Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks below to complete Psalm 67:6, NIV.

WORDS:
GOD, BLESSES, HARVEST,
YIELDS, US, LAND

ACROSS

3. Rhymes with farthest.
4. Rhymes with nod.
5. Rhymes with thus.
6. Rhymes with fields.

DOWN

1. Rhymes with messes.
2. Rhymes with hand.

The _____
its _____;
our God, _____

Psalm 67:6, NIV



Answer: The land yields its harvest, God, our God, blesses us, Psalm 67:6, NIV



"We'd love to have you speak, Ezekiel, but we're a non-prophet."



Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm
Management Team 6:45 pm

The Global Methodist Women collect for the Cuba
Food Pantry
 on the first Sunday of each month. Please place
 your Food Pantry donations in the bin in the Green
 Street Foyer.



Pastor Becky's letter - Continued from front page

Church attendance is not just a "good suggestion"; it is God's will for believers. Hebrews 10:25 says we should "not be giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Even in the early church, some were falling into the bad habit of not meeting with other believers. The author of Hebrews says that's not the way to go. We need the encouragement that church attendance provides. And the approach of the end times should prompt us to be even more devoted to going to church.

So, I will see you on Sunday. Worship starts at 11:00 am. Bring a friend!

Pastor Becky



I want to thank this congregation for all you did for Bob the last 7½ months. Most people will send a card one time but you never forgot him. Each week he would receive 3 or 4 cards from the congregation and it would bring a smile to him knowing this church had not forgotten him. His funeral service was wonderful. The choir sang one of his special songs and Pastor Becky's message was on his favorite Gospel lesson. The luncheon afterwards was wonderful and I heard many of our friends were very impressed. With all your love and hugs, I know I will get passed these dark days and I thank you all for everything.

Suzanne


SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM

All are welcome!



SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday School is at
9:30 am for both
Adults and Children.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1		2 Prayer Group 10:00 am Trustees Meeting 6:00 p Management Team 6:45 p	3	4	5	6 Kung Fu 6:00 - 8:00 am
7 GMW Food Pantry Collection Communion Sunday School 9:30a	8 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	9 Prayer Group 10:00 am	10	11	12	13 Kung Fu 6:00 - 8:00 am
14 Sunday School 9:30 am	15 Tai Chi 7:00 pm October Newsletter Deadline - Noon	16 Prayer Group 10:00 am	17	18	19	20 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
21 Sunday School 9:30 am	22 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	23 Prayer Group 10:00 am	24	25	26	27 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
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